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## **New Veterans medical center to receive baby grand piano donation**

NEW ORLEANS – The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System is receiving a donation of a baby grand piano for the new Veterans medical center from the Louisiana District 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus at noon on April 4, 2017.

“It feels great to put a smile on their face and a song in their heart while receiving the best quality health care available,” said David J. Lemaire Sr., Louisiana Knights of Columbus, about Veterans who receive care at SLVHCS. Lemaire is the Immediate Former District Master for the LKOC. He, along with Warren Deemer, current District Master, will present the donation to SLVHCS.

“Veterans service organizations are forever our partners in this journey with a shared mission of caring for our nation’s heroes,” said Rivera. “Together we strive to make every Veteran’s visit special and we know how powerful music can be in creating a calming environment.”

Donations from Veterans service organizations and individual donors in the past have been used to support recreation therapy programs, the coffee program for Veterans waiting for appointments, and various programs for homeless Veterans throughout southeast Louisiana and so much more.

Specially trained volunteer pianist interested in performing should contact Voluntary Service. To donate or to become a volunteer, call 1-800-935-8387 ext. 62107 or email [VHANOLVoluntaryService@VA.gov](mailto:VHANOLVoluntaryService@VA.gov).

For more information about the new medical center, clinic locations and other services available to Veterans in southeast Louisiana, visit the website [www.neworleans.va.gov](http://www.neworleans.va.gov), visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans](https://www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/vaneworleans](https://www.twitter.com/vaneworleans).

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